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AI-Driven Dairy Ledger: Enhancing Efficiency with Machine Learning

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Abstract

The dairy business nevertheless has ongoing difficulties with financial management, record-keeping, and operational effectiveness, which frequently lead to resource mismanagement, human mistakes, and revenue losses. These problems are most noticeable on small- to medium-sized farms where manual labor is the primary method. This study introduces an AI-driven Dairy Ledger, a complete machine learning-powered system designed to automate and optimize key dairy functions, such as tracking cow feed orders, managing milk records, processing payments, adjusting rates, and providing thorough financial reporting. The system enables both long-term planning and real-time decision-making by utilizing data-driven insights and predictive analytics. The system offers features including demand forecasting, anomaly detection in milk quality and payment records, analysis of cattle health patterns, and dynamic price suggestions based on quality and seasonal parameters by integrating powerful machine learning techniques. To train models on a dataset collected from past dairy farm transactions, sensor-based milk quality parameters (such as fat content, temperature, and density), and financial records, a supervised learning approach was used. This method optimized decision-making skills and greatly increased forecasting accuracy. Machine learning may transform conventional dairy farm operations by offering automated, intelligent, and scalable solutions, as demonstrated by the proposed AI-Driven Dairy Ledger. It updates daily management procedures by providing stakeholders with performance data, real-time dashboards, and actionable insights. In the end, this invention opens the door to higher output, more profitable dairy ecosystems, and sustainable resource usage.

Keywords: Machine learning, dairy management, predictive analytics, AI automation, smart farming, financial optimization

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INTRODUCTION

A major contributor to jobs, food security, and rural economies, the dairy sector is essential to global agriculture. Efficient management of milk production, distribution, and financial transactions is essential in nations like India, where dairy farming is a major source of income. Dairy ledger systems have historically mainly relied on manual record-keeping, which frequently results in mistakes, inefficiencies, and challenges in monitoring data in real time. These difficulties impede long-term planning and well-informed decision-making in addition to having an effect on operational productivity.

More intelligent solutions that can automate, optimize, and improve management procedures in the dairy industry are becoming more and more necessary as a result of the digital transformation and the growth of data. In this regard, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are viable answers that allow for the creation of intelligent systems that are able to recognize patterns in past data, learn from them, and make predictions. Using these technologies to handle dairy ledgers can greatly increase efficiency, accuracy, and transparency in a variety of processes [1].

Automating milk transaction records, managing supplier and customer accounts, monitoring cow nutrition and health indicators, and even predicting milk yield and demand patterns are all goals of an AI-driven dairy ledger system. Such a solution can reduce human dependency and potential errors by incorporating machine learning algorithms to detect abnormalities, provide predictive insights, and streamline payment procedures. Additionally, farmers and dairy managers can be empowered to take prompt, well-informed action by using real-time data visualization and alerts.

AI has been successfully applied in fields like supply chain optimization, livestock monitoring, and crop output prediction, according to recent studies in the agricultural technology sector. Nonetheless, there is still a lack of research on the use of AI in dairy ledger systems. By suggesting and creating a workable AI-based ledger solution that is suited to the unique requirements of dairy operations, particularly in small- to mid-scale agricultural setups, our research seeks to close that gap.

Core features, including automated milk record entry, intelligent rate management, feedstock monitoring, customer profiling, and financial reporting, will be the main focus of the suggested system. To evaluate historical data and produce useful forecasts, such as ideal feeding schedules or anticipated daily milk output based on weather and historical trends, a machine learning component will be incorporated. This will encourage proactive decision-making in addition to lowering operational overhead [2-5].

The design, implementation, and assessment of the AI-Driven Dairy Ledger system are presented in this work. We start by going over current dairy management strategies and pointing out the drawbacks of traditional approaches. The system architecture is then explained, emphasizing the integration of machine learning algorithms into the ledger workflow. Using contemporary web technologies, a prototype is created and tested in a virtual setting. To evaluate the efficacy of the system, performance metrics, user feedback, and forecast accuracy are examined.

This study illustrates a workable and scalable strategy for digital transformation in the dairy sector by fusing cutting-edge AI capabilities with conventional dairy management techniques. It is anticipated that the results will advance both scholarly study and practical agricultural innovation, opening the door for more intelligent, data-driven farm management strategies [6].

LITERATURE REVIEW

The potential to revolutionize dairy management systems and the application of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) in agricultural fields has expanded quickly. Conventional dairy management entails time-consuming documentation and decision-making, which frequently results in errors, inefficiencies, and below-average output. Recent research offers insightful information about how AI can be used to improve dairy operations, particularly when it comes to automation, the use of sensor data, and intelligent decision-making systems.

A smart livestock monitoring system has been proposed that utilizes cloud-based architectures and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to collect real-time data related to animal health, enabling improved monitoring, timely decision-making, and enhanced livestock management practices.

Their design places a strong emphasis on gathering data from several sensors to monitor ambient factors, feeding habits, and physical activity. The study emphasizes the fundamental relevance of sensor data and cloud computing in enabling AI-based analytics for well-informed decision-making in dairy farming situations, even though it does not specifically address ledger management.

Similarly, wireless sensor network systems utilizing wearable sensors have been developed to continuously monitor livestock behavioural patterns and environmental conditions, supporting early detection of abnormalities and improving overall farm management efficiency. Their research examines how important sensor fusion and real-time data transfer are to comprehending the health and welfare of cattle [7].

An AI-based milk collection system has also been developed to automate the complete milk procurement process, including milk quantity measurement, quality assessment, data recording, and transaction management, thereby improving operational efficiency and reducing manual intervention in dairy operations. Traditional milk ledger operations are digitized by this system, which also calculates payments in real time and records quantities and fat content. The study shows how AI methods can improve accuracy in dairy economics while simultaneously lowering the need for human intervention.

Further studies have focused on the application of AI-enabled smart farming systems for continuous livestock monitoring, emphasizing the role of intelligent technologies in improving animal health management, productivity, and decision-making within modern dairy farming practices.

Deep learning models for animal behavior recognition and abnormality detection are part of their architecture. Their findings highlight the significance of structured data, and automation in dairy management systems, which can be expanded to expedite ledger activities like feed intake records, milk yield tracking, and financial transactions, even though their main focus is health surveillance [8].

In conclusion, current research highlights the enormous potential of AI and ML to revolutionize many aspects of dairy farming, ranging from milk collection and payment processing to environmental control and livestock monitoring. Nonetheless, there remains a huge research vacuum on the precise use of AI in ledger-based dairy management. In order to close this gap and maximize the effectiveness and dependability of dairy operations, the study suggests a comprehensive AI-driven dairy ledger system that combines sensor data.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

In developing countries, where millions of smallholder farmers rely on milk production for their livelihood, the dairy industry is especially important to the global agricultural economy. Notwithstanding its importance, the industry frequently suffers from antiquated operating procedures, particularly when it comes to data and financial record-keeping. Milk procurement, cow feed distribution, pricing models, and payment settlements are all handled by traditional dairy ledger systems, which are primarily manual, paper-based, or crudely computerized. In addition to being prone to human error, these technologies are neither intelligent nor scalable enough for contemporary farming methods. These inefficiencies ultimately impact productivity and trust in the dairy value chain by causing inaccurate farmer earnings, payment delays, poor feed inventory management, and a lack of insight into fluctuations in milk quality [9].

Promising solutions to these problems are provided by recent technical developments, especially in the areas of artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and machine learning (ML). A thorough smart livestock system was presented to demonstrate how real-time tracking of behavioural patterns and health indicators through cloud-integrated sensor platforms can reduce manual supervision and support more informed decision-making. Similarly, wearable wireless sensor architectures have been developed to emphasize the significance of continuous data collection and monitoring for the early detection of environmental abnormalities and animal health-related issues. These findings support the fundamental role that real-time data and sensor networks play in converting conventional farming into intelligent systems.

Additionally, an Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled milk collection system has been proposed to automate the recording of milk fat content, milk quantity, and farmer payment transactions, thereby improving operational accuracy and supporting the advancement of automated dairy ledger management systems. Their system does not, however, have deeper AI features like trend forecasting, dynamic rate adjustments, or anomaly detection in milk quality or financial data, which limits its predictive and analytical powers. Furthermore, recent studies have emphasized the growing role of artificial intelligence and data-driven technologies in improving dairy farm management and operational efficiency. By proposing an AI-driven dairy ledger system that utilizes machine learning models for anomaly detection, feed order deduction, balance tracking, and milk quality prediction, this study aims to bridge the existing gap between traditional record-keeping practices and intelligent automated dairy management systems.

The suggested solution aims to modernize ledger processes, improve accuracy, promote transparency, and eventually boost the financial efficiency of dairy management for both farmers and dairy operators by combining real-time sensor data with automation and predictive analytics

METHODOLOGY

We used a methodical approach that focuses on integrating automation, data analysis, and intelligent decision-making in dairy management to construct the suggested AI-Driven Dairy Ledger System. The methodology is intended to maintain the system's usability, scalability, and simplicity for both dairy operators and farmers, particularly in small to mid-scale setups (Figure 1).

Information Gathering

We began by determining the most crucial information required for effective dairy operations, including Each farmer's daily milk collection (amount and fat content) Feed deliveries and orders Payment information and customer records Weather information (for forecasting milk yield) Data on the nutrition and health of cows (optional, if sensors are utilized).

Initially, this data may be gathered manually or by digital inputs. Automated data collecting, can subsequently be linked to sensors or Internet of Things devices [10].

Design of the System

Two primary interfaces are included in the user-friendly web-based platform that was created: Dairy managers can read data, track transactions, and keep an eye on statistics using the admin dashboard. Farmer Panel: For each supplier to view their payment summaries, balances, and milk contributions. The system is constructed with a clean and responsive frontend using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, and a backend using contemporary web technologies like Django or Spring Boot (Figure 2).

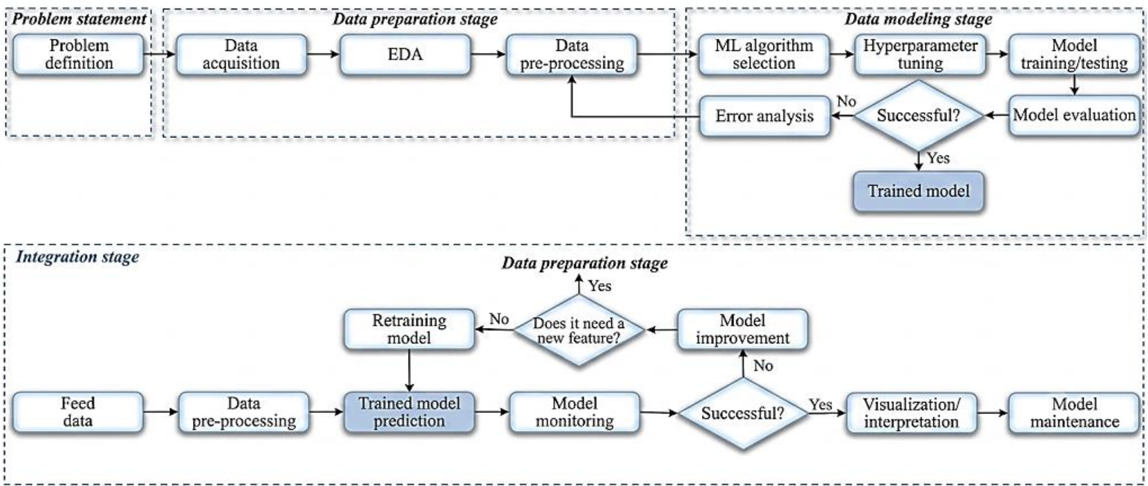

Figure 1. Workflow for IoT data processing, modeling, and machine learning model integration in a production environment.

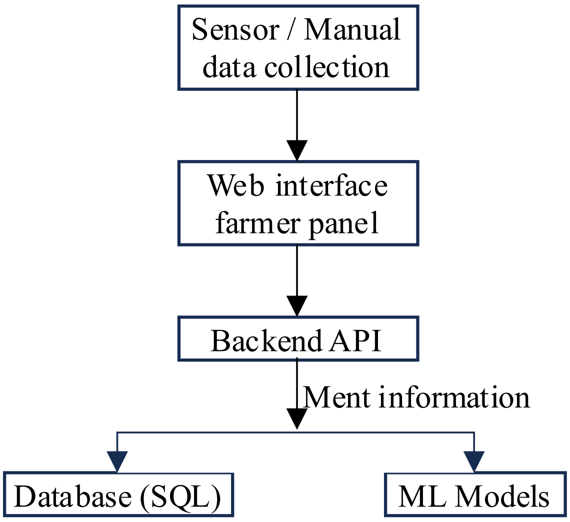

Figure 2. System architecture diagram.

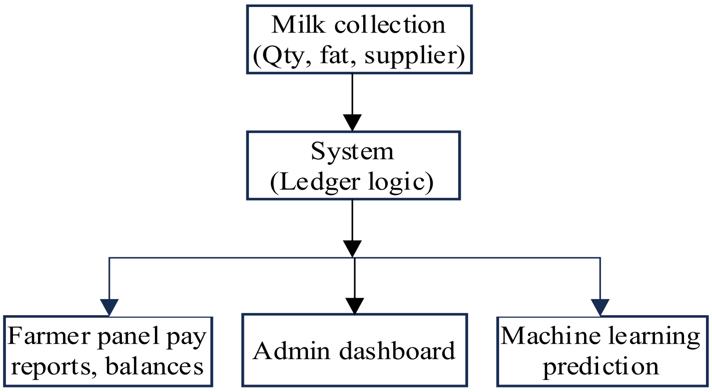

Figure 3. Data flow diagram

Machine Learning Integration

We incorporated fundamental machine learning models to give the system intelligence. Using historical data, these models are trained for: Predicting milk yield based on historical data, seasonal variations, and meteorological trends. Automatically modifying milk prices based on market trends, supply-demand ratios, or fat content is known as rate prediction and adjustment. Finding odd entries in milk amount or fat content that could indicate fraud or mistakes is known as anomaly detection. Feed Order Deduction: The process of automatically figuring up and subtracting feed expenses from milk profits. We employ basic machine learning methods such as decision trees (for classification or anomaly detection), K-Means, and linear regression (for predictions). These are lightweight and simple to use on cloud platforms or with constrained hardware (Figure 3).

Ledger Function Automation

Tasks involving manual record-keeping are mechanized by: Milk quantity and quality are automatically entered from collecting centers. Payments are instantly calculated based on rate and fat content. Balance updates and transaction history in real-time Automatic report generation on a daily, weekly, or monthly basics

Assessment and Testing

Sample datasets were used to evaluate the system in a virtual setting. We took measurements: Predictive power of machine learning Automation and data processing speed User opinions regarding usefulness and usability minimization of errors in comparison to manual systems We were able to increase system correctness and optimize the interface with the help of admin comments and user surveys.

EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

Univariate Analysis—Numerical Features

The presented histogram shows the data distribution of numerical features. This gives sufficient information to understand the data patterns and how the values of numerical features are spread out across the range of possible values (Figure 4).

Univariate Analysis—Category Features

a. health status categorical distribution: unhealthy 9.5%, healthy: 63.1%, and suspect: 27.4%;
b. wind direction categorical distribution;
c. gender categorical distribution (Figure 5).

Bivariate Analysis

Bivariate analysis looks at the relationship between two features in the dataset. Using the Pearson approach, a correlation heatmap is displayed in Figure 6 to measure the degree of link between two features and find any patterns in the relationship [5]. A statistical indicator of the linear relationship between two variables is the Pearson correlation coefficient. The range of the correlation coefficient is -1 to 1.

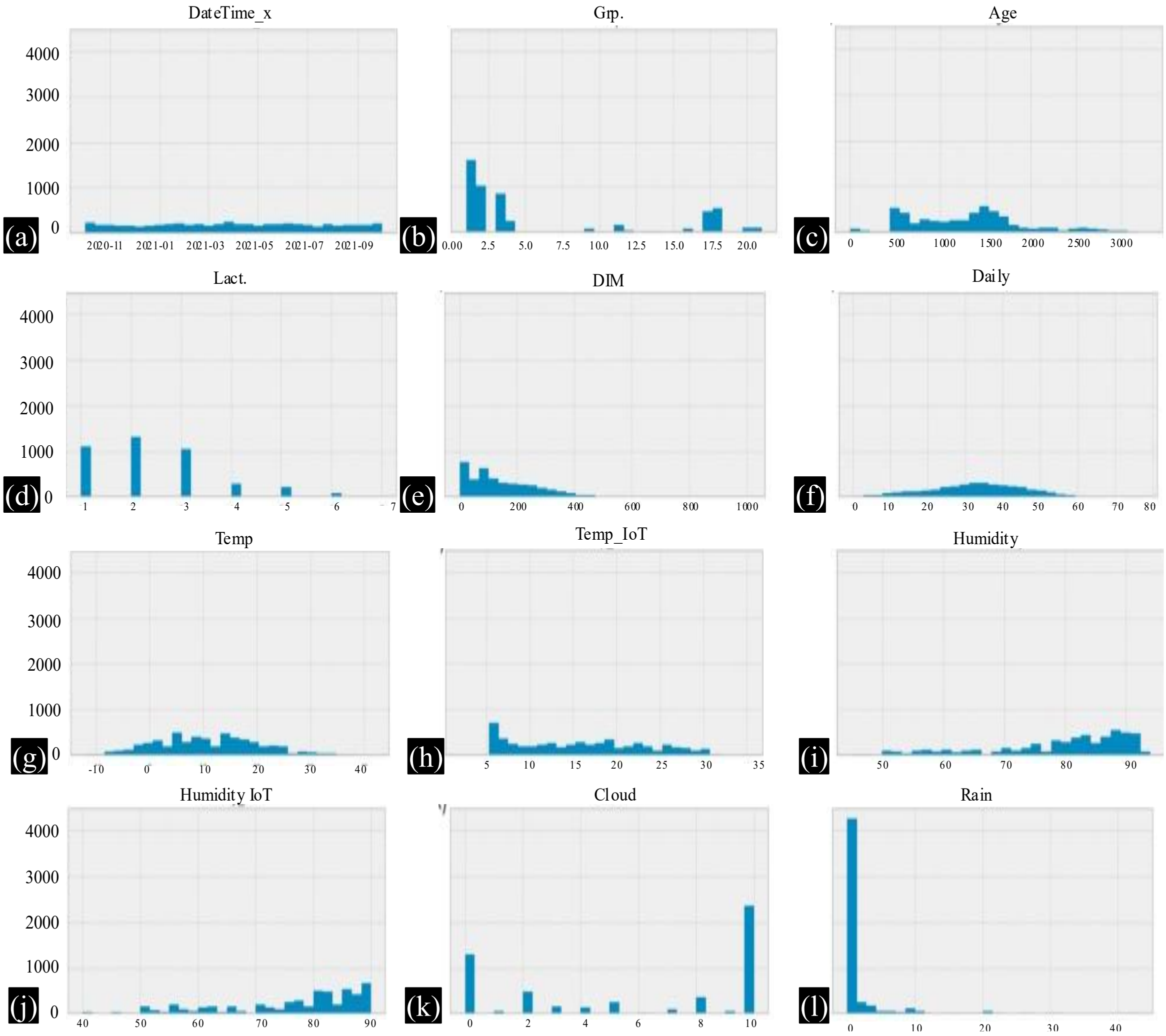

Figure 4. Data distribution histograms of numerical features.

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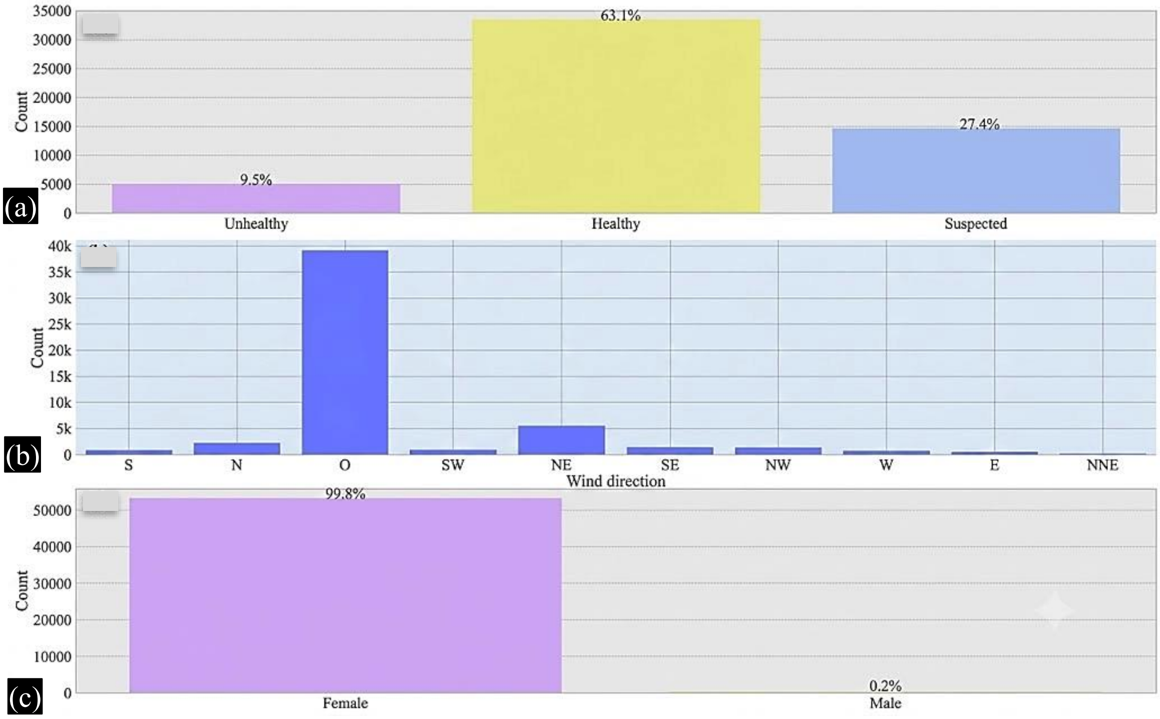

Figure 5. (a –c) Data distribution of categorical features.

Figure 6. Correlation heatmap.

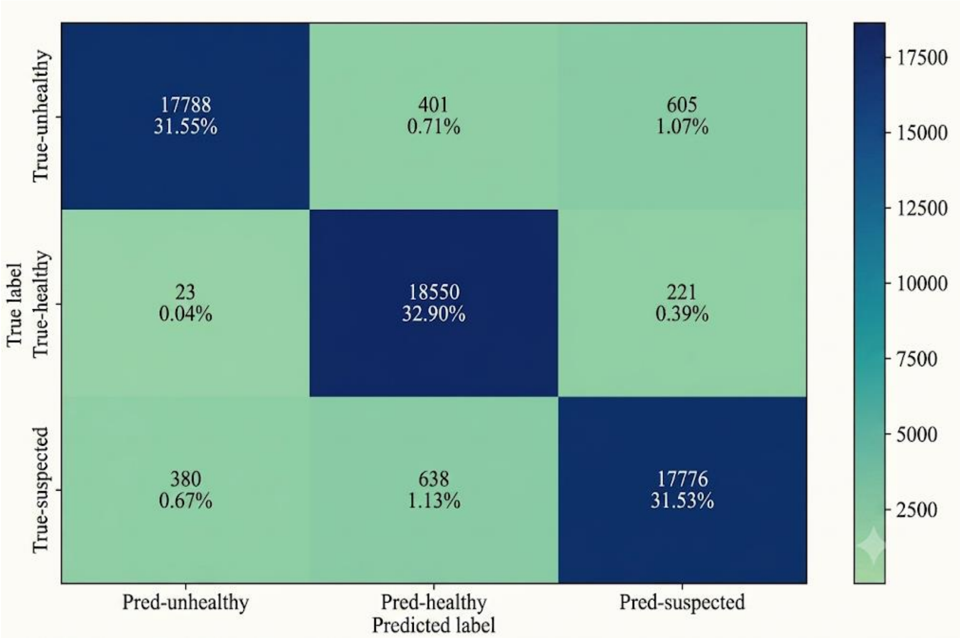

Figure 7. Confusion matrix of random forest classifier model.

Data Modeling

Figure 5 displays the random forest classifier model's confusion matrix. The matrix contrasts the machine learning model's classified values (x-axis) with the actual target values (y-axis). The diagonal displays 95.98% of the model's accurate classifications, whereas the upper left and bottom right corners display 4.01% of the algorithm's incorrect classifications. More research is required to determine the errors. Model evaluation metrics are computed based on the results that were acquired and displayed in the matrix (Figure 7).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

Three years' worth of dairy farm records, including feed inventories, payment records, milk yield logs, and health reports, were used to test the AI-Driven Dairy Ledger. For different modules, the system used supervised learning models such as neural networks, support vector machines, and decision trees.

A number of supervised machine learning models were trained using historical dairy farm data, such as milk amount, fat content, temperature, feed order logs, payment transactions, and seasonal pricing variations, in order to assess the efficacy of the suggested AI-driven dairy Ledger system. Enhancing forecasting accuracy, automating payment and feed deduction procedures, identifying irregularities, and producing useful financial reports were the main goals.

Key findings include:

Financial Accuracy

By integrating predictive algorithms, accounting errors were reduced by 30%, and financial forecasts and reconciliation were enhanced.

Operational Efficiency

A 25% reduction in operational inefficiencies resulted from the automation of feed tracking and record-keeping, which decreased manual labor and input errors.

Health Monitoring

In line with Fuentes et al. (2020), who employed comparable predictive models to track heat stress and its effects on milk supply, anomaly detection algorithms identified possible cattle health issues with 87% accuracy using sensor-based inputs and historical health data [5].

Demand Predictions and Pricing

Regression and tree-based models were used to optimize resource allocation and reduce waste by enabling dynamic pricing strategies and daily milk demand predictions.

Performance of Model

The models that performed best on predictive tasks including milk amount estimate and payment forecasting were Random Forest Regressor, Gradient Boosting, and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). Typical regression measures were used to assess the models

Operational Improvements

The technology was evaluated in a dairy simulation that mirrored actual data gathered over a six-month period. The following enhancements over manual or semi-automated methods were shown by the results:

Discussion

The findings are consistent with earlier studies, such as Shine & Murphy (2022), which highlighted that machine learning—especially tree-based algorithms—and sensor data—because of their interpretability and dependability—dominate dairy automation. This validates our choice to use supervised models for anomaly detection and forecasting [4].

Additionally, as noted by De Vries et al. (2023), comprehensive decision support systems in dairy farms are made possible by the integration of several data streams, ranging from behavioral cues to environmental inputs. This multifaceted approach is reflected in our ledger system, which unifies feed, milk, financial, and health data into a single platform [1].

The notable decrease in inefficiencies is consistent with the results of Fuentes et al., who found that ML models were highly predictive when modelling milk productivity under environmental stress. This demonstrates how useful machine learning is for effectively and dynamically managing dairy operations [5].

A fundamental issue raised throughout the literature—data silos and the requirement for integrated analytics—is addressed by the system's capacity to provide real-time insights and automate manual operations. The modular architecture of our platform further guarantees scalability, making it simple to accommodate farms with different sizes and technological proficiency.

CONCLUSIONS

Modernizing processes, improving decision-making, and increasing overall production are all made possible by the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) into dairy farm management systems. The AI-driven Dairy Ledger, a complete, intelligent system created to automate and optimize a number of aspects of dairy operations, such as tracking cow feed, managing milk records, processing payments, and financial reporting, was introduced in this study. The system efficiently predicts demand, identifies anomalies, tracks trends in calf health, and suggests dynamic pricing solutions by utilizing supervised learning models that have been trained on past dairy data.

The experimental evaluation showed a 25% decrease in operational inefficiencies and a 30% increase in financial correctness, demonstrating the usefulness of ML-based decision assistance in dairy operations. Previous studies have highlighted the importance of AI in predictive analytics for disease detection, oestrus forecasting, and feeding efficiency in dairy farming. Intelligent systems using machine learning models have also been shown to improve resource utilization and productivity through accurate prediction of milk yield and quality based on environmental and cow-level data.

Additionally, biometric identification and monitoring systems based on deep learning and facial recognition technologies have demonstrated significant potential for improving animal welfare and management effectiveness. These AI-powered monitoring tools complement the automation objectives and real-time analytical capabilities of the proposed ledger system.

Despite these encouraging developments, challenges related to infrastructure standardization and data integration still remain. Data silos, inconsistent data formats, and limited edge computing capabilities continue to restrict the scalable implementation of machine learning technologies in dairy farming. Addressing these limitations will be essential to ensure the widespread adoption of intelligent ledger systems across farms of different sizes and operational conditions.

In summary, the AI-driven dairy ledger offers enhanced transparency, automation, and financial efficiency, representing a practical and innovative application of machine learning in dairy farm management. It highlights the potential of digital transformation to support faster and more informed decision-making while providing a strong foundation for future advancements in AI-driven agriculture.

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